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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**File Number: NRS 13.020**

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Pursuant to Chapter 0400-4-7 of the Department's rules, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and §401 Water Quality Certification. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this application.

**APPLICANT:** Mayor W. Dean Rhea  
City of Sneedville  
PO Box 377  
Sneedville, TN 37969  
(423) 733-2254

**LOCATION:** The proposed alterations are in Hancock County, Sneedville, TN along an unnamed tributary to Greasy Rock Creek.

**Greasy Rock Creek Impact Sites:**

|    |           |           |            |            |
|----|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| #1 | Latitude: | 36.531806 | Longitude: | -83.213222 |
| #2 |           | 36.53333  |            | -83.211639 |
| #3 |           | 36.53425  |            | -83.210611 |
| #4 |           | 36.53611  |            | -83.209111 |
| #5 |           | 36.536194 |            | -83.209    |

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of this project is to replace an existing gravity sewer trunk line that serves residential and commercial customers along an unnamed tributary to Greasy Rock Creek, as well as collecting several gravity sewer mains. The proposed sewer will be installed within the existing trench in an established easement. The crossings will be accomplished via pipe bursting or open cut trenching methods. No blasting will be permitted in this location. There will be a total of 5 stream crossings that total less than 50 linear feet of impact site.

**DEGRADATION:** In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activities will not result in degradation to water quality.

**WATERSHED / WATERBODY DESCRIPTION:** This project is located in the Upper Clinch River Watershed (06010205). The Tennessee portion of the Upper Clinch River Watershed is located in East Tennessee and includes parts of Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Hancock,

Grainger, Hawkins and Union counties. It is approximately 1,944 square miles (709 square miles in Tennessee) and drains to the Tennessee River. There are 81 known rare plant and animal species in the Tennessee portion of the Upper Clinch River Watershed. For more information on this watershed, please visit our website at <http://www.tn.gov/environment/water/watersheds/upper-clinch-river.shtml>.

**Stream Name / ID #:** Unnamed Tributary to Greasy Rock Creek (TN06010205013\_0800)  
**Ecoregion:** 67f; Southern Limestone/Dolomite Valleys & Low Rolling Hills  
**Stream Dimension:** Channel bottom width 2-15 feet wide  
Chanel top width 10-30 feet  
Water depth 0.5-2 feet  
Bank height 3-10 feet  
**Substrate:** gravels, sand, boulders

| <b>Designated Use</b>         | <b>Use Support</b> | <b>Causes</b>                        |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Fish and aquatic life         | Not supporting     | Alteration in stream side vegetation |
| Recreation                    | Not supporting     | E coli                               |
| Industrial water supply       | Fully supporting   |                                      |
| Irrigation                    | Fully supporting   |                                      |
| Livestock watering & wildlife | Fully supporting   |                                      |

These streams are Exceptional Tennessee Waters and are impaired for habitat. These activities do not require mitigation. The applicant has selected activities that are least impactful and should not permanently impair these waters.

**Assessment Date:** 2012

**PERMIT COORDINATOR:** Vena Jones

**FACTORS CONSIDERED:** In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

**COMMENTING:** Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Interested persons may request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate

the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing. Send all public hearing request to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

**APPEAL:** A permit appeal may be filed, pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 69-3-105(i) and Rule 0400-40-05, by the permit applicant or by any aggrieved person who participated in the public comment period announced by this notice. This petition must be filed within THIRTY (30) DAYS after public notice of the issuance of the permit. The petition must specify what provisions are being appealed and the basis for the appeal. It should be addressed to the technical secretary of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas at the following address: Tisha Calabrese Benton, Director, Division of Water Resources, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 11<sup>th</sup> floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Any hearing would be in accordance with T.C.A. §§69-3-110 and 4-5-301 et seq.

**FILE REVIEW:** The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address (listed below) for review and/or copying.

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation  
Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit  
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

## Location/Topographic Map





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